

## **SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

In a coupling element for decanting, filling, or emptying of containers, a first sealing strip a flank piece comprising elastic as a first mounting element at a first end defining a first inner space for retaining a first axis, and a second mounting element on a second opposite end defining a second inner space for retaining a second axis. A second sealing strip comprising elastic has a first mounting element on a first end which defines a first inner space for retaining the second axis, and a second mounting element on a second opposite end which defines the second inner space for retaining the first axis. Inner sides of the flank pieces of the first and second sealing strips are attachable to one another to form a seal. The first mounting element of the first strip in the second mounting element of the second strip are positioned adjacent one another to form a first articulated section, and the second mounting element of the first sealing strip and the first mounting element of the second sealing strip being adjacent to one another to form a second articulated section. The first articulated cap forming a pivot bearing is positioned at least partially over the first articulated section and a second articulated cap forming a pivot bearing as positioned at least partially over the second articulated section. The first axis is retained in the first inner space for pivotable mounting of the first articulated section and the second axis is retained in the second inner space for pivotable mounting of the second articulated section.